(c) whether it is also a fact that volume-wise there has been a sharp decline in marine product exports emanating from marine fisheries; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Export statistics are not being maintained separately for aquaculture and ocean fisheries. It is therefore difficult to provide the exact contribution of each of these sectors to seafood exports. However, according to MPEDA the estimated contribution from different secors during 1991-92 were :

Source	Qty.	% in total	Value (Rs. Crores)	% in total
1	2	3	4	5
Conventional marine capture fisheries.	1,32,737	77.25	905.05	65.78
Shrimp through aquaculture	24,000	13.97	400.00	29.07
Deep sea fishing	15,083	8.78	70.84	5.15
	1,71,820	100.00	1375.89	100.00

MPEDA has not worked out estimation for 1992-93.

(c) As stated above, separate export figures for capture and culture fisheries are not available. Export of marine products in quantitative terms has increased from 97179 tonnes in 1987-88 to 191186 tonnes in 1992-93 registering an annual increase of 14.5 percent.

(d) Question does not arise.

US Decision on Imposition of Super 381 on India

743. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

SHRI G. G. SWELL :

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SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that US have taken a decision for invoking special and Super-301 trade laws against India by accusing it of unfair trade practices resulting in loss of business for American exporters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) India was re-designated as a "priority foreign country" on 30 April 1993. The reason has been stated to be lack of progress in resolving the patents issue. Brazil and Thailand have also been designated as 'Priority foreign countries'. The issue of patents is being negotiated in the Uruguay Round. India beleives that the multilateral forum provides the best mechanism for resolving the matter and that unilateralism in trade matters should be eschewed. Government will press upon the US that the subject should be settled multilaterally and that any unilateral judgement or action on its part would be unwarranted.